

## **COLD STREAM POND**

Enfield, Lincoln, and Lowell Twps., Penobscot Co. U.S.G.S. Lincoln West, Passadumkeag, Me (7½)

## **Fishes**

Landlocked salmon Creek chub Brook trout Fallfish Lake trout White sucker Rainbow smelt Hornpout (bullhead) Banded killifish White perch Yellow perch Ninespine stickleback Chain pickerel Redbreast sunfish Minnows Pumpkinseed sunfish Golden shiner Slimv sculpin American eel Common shiner

**Physical Characteristics** 

Total area - 3628 acres

North Basin

Area - 704 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 66°F

Maximum depth - 56 feet 30 feet - 53°F

South Basin

Area - 2924 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 67°F 55 feet - 49°F

Maximum depth - 104 feet

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, lake trout

Redbelly dace

Cold Stream Pond consists of two distinct basins separated by a ridge of land called "the bluff" and connected by a narrows. These two basins, although somewhat different habitat types, are managed as a unit. Year round and seasonal dwellings line the south and west shores, while the east shore is currently being developed. Large boulders, gravel and some large sand beaches dominate the shoreline, with a mud bottom in deeper areas. Softwood growth dominates the area around the lake.

Both basins stratify thermally and abundant oxygen exists at all depths in the south basin, but the north basin often becomes deficient in the late summer. Cobb State Fish Hatchery located beside the outlet of the lake uses water from Cold Stream Pond to rear salmon and trout.

Lake trout are native to Cold Stream Pond and at one time eggs were taken from these fish to be raised in the hatchery although this practice has been discontinued. Lake trout are not currently stocked and natural reproduction on the spawning bed in Webb Cove sustains the lake trout fishery in the lake. Landlocked salmon were first introduced into Cold Stream in 1876. Because of very limited salmon spawning area in the outlet, salmon are stocked on an annual basis to maintain the salmon fishery. Salmon growth is very good although somewhat variable depending on smelt abundance.

Brook trout are being stocked on an experimental basis to determine if they can provide another fishery for the anglers.

Access to the lake is by a town maintained public boat launch facility on the Old Hatchery Road off Rt. 188 in Enfield.

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